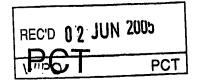
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1.	This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:		
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	☐ Box No. II	Priority	
	☐ Box No. III	Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability	
	☐ Box No. IV	Lack of unity of invention	
	Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement	
	☐ Box No. VI	Certain documents cited	
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	☐ Box No. VIII	Certain observations on the international application	

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will usually be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA"). However, this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notifed the International Bureau under Rule 66.1 bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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1.	th	With regard to the language , this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.			
		la	nis opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following nguage , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search and 23.1(b)).		
2.	With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:				
	a. type of material:				
			a sequence listing		
			table(s) related to the sequence listing		
	b. format of material:				
			in written format		
			in computer readable form		
	c. time of filling/furnishing:				
			contained in the international application as filed.		
			filed together with the international application in computer readable form.		
			furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.		
3.		CO	addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto seen filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional pies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as propriate, were furnished.		
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43*bis*.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Yes: Claims

No: Claims

Inventive step (IS)

Yes: Claims

No: Claims

Industrial applicability (IA)

Yes: Claims

No: Claims

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

Re Item V

Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Reference is made to the following document

D1: CH-A-685187

The document D1 is regarded as being the closest prior art to the subject-matter of claim 1 and shows the features of the preamble thereof.

The features of the characterising portion of claim 1 are neither known from, nor rendered obvious by, the prior art. The feature of a helical spring tensioned such that it is shortened avoids the danger of over elongation known for springs which are charged by drawing forces.

The subject-matter of claim 1 is therefore new (Article 33(2) PCT) and is considered as involving an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT).

The industrial applicability is obvious.

2. Article 6 PCT

The following clarity objection is to be noted:

Although according to the description the feature of a winding member (4) is essential to the definition of the invention (see in particular page 6, lines 5-12), the wording of claim 1 does not clearly state that the winding member is part of the claimed device.

3. Contrary to the requirements of Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT, the relevant background art disclosed in the document D1 is not mentioned in the description, nor is this document identified therein.